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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SUGAR DATA

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- 1. ESTIMATED AVERAGE SUGAR PRODUCTION COSTS IN ECUADOR 10 CENTS/LB USING APPROXIMATE CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE (28 SUCRES-US\$ 1.00) OR 11.3 CENTS USING OFFICIAL RATE (25 SUCRES US\$ 1.00). FIFTY FIVE PERCENT OF PRODUCTION COSTS FIXED BALANCE VARIABLE. USING ACTUAL EXCHANGE RATE FIXED COSTS TOTAL ABOUT 6.2 CENTS AND VARIABLE 5.1 CENTS.
- 2. ESTIMATED AVERAGE PRICE PAID TO FARMERS DURING 1976 WAS 2.5 CENTS/LB FOR SUGAR CONTENT OF CANE USING OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE. BY LAW INDUSTRY MUST PAY PRODUCERS 125 SUCRES/TON OF CANE (IN THE FIELD) CONTAINING 13 DEGREES OF SUCROSE. FOR EACH ADDITIONAL ONE TENTH DEGREE OF SUCROSE CONTENT AN ADDITIONAL SUCRE MUST BE PAID. THERE ARE NO SET PRICES FOR CANE WITH LESS THAN 13 DEGREES OF SUCROSE.
- 3. NEARLY ALL SUGAR SOLD IN ECUADOR IS SEMI-REFINED UNCLASSIFIED

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(WHITE SULFITADO). THE CONSUMER PRICE IS EQUIVALENT TO 10.4 US CENTS/LB OF 460 GRAMS USING OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE.

- 4. THE UNIT VALUE OF 1976 EXPORT SHIPMENTS AVERAGED 8.42 CENTS LB/FOB GUAYAQUIL.
- 5. SINCE 1972 ALL SUGAR SHIPMENTS HAVE BEEN NON-

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